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[1](#)1. (SBU) This is in response to post,s request for guidance as to whether to support Philip Morris,s request for the Ambassador to sign a letter of support for Phillip Morris,s application to join Kazakhstan,s &Foreign Investors, Council.8 While the Department does not think that an Embassy letter in support of Phillip Morris,s application would violate the USG,s prohibition against promoting the sale of tobacco, to be safe we would instead strongly recommend sending a generic letter or statement indicating that the Embassy supports inclusion in the Foreign Investors, Council of all eligible US companies without naming Phillip Morris specifically.  
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